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The New Trust Legislation.

We have no doubt that some of the new trust legislation, if enacted, will be declared unconstitutional. Efforts by Congress, such as have been outlined, to say just whom a merchant shall deal with and shall not deal with; to prescribe the number and kinds of corporations of which a man may be and may not be a director, and to subject all persons engaged in business to any such harassing and inquisitorial scrutiny into their private affairs as seems to be meditated in the creation of a trade commission, are apt to be scanned very closely by the Supreme Court of our country. It will be discovered in due course that there is a provision in our Constitution protecting citizens from unreasonable searches and seizures; and at the same time it will very likely be discovered that the Constitution guarantees, after all, a very reasonable degree of personal liberty which was in no way intended to be greatly restricted by the brief and vague clause of the Constitution giving Congress the power to "regulate interstate commerce."

For all that, the business men of the country should bestir themselves in the matter just as they did when the currency bill was first introduced. They should go down to Washington in per son, and by word of their own mouths not those of attorneys or hired speakers of any description, place before Congress the iniquity and foolishness that are sought to be accomplished by some of these bills.

hink the tendency has been pressed too far. But for all that, it is who is on a bank board shall be a HUERTA or even to the insurgents. director in any industrial corporation The idea is totally erroneous that alliances of this sort are generally for the at the request of the industrial corporation itself, and for the purpose of having a friend in the money world whose advice and counsel will be available at all times and whose help may be a veritable means of salvation in times of peril. In the days of business depression and semi-panic last year the president of a great business corporation turned up in a banking office in this town and made the following statement: "We are accustomed to sell our paper in large quantities at this season so as to give us funds for carrying or our business. In the last two months we have only been able to sell paper to the amount of \$10,000. Our business must stop and we shall fail unless we can secure some accommodation." The banker to whom this was addressed had long been a member of the finance com mittee of the corporation concerned and although his work in this respect had been largely nominal, it had been sufficient to give him an insight into the character of the business done by the corporation and the absolute soundness of its methods. Therefore, though the effort required some sacrifice, he was able to raise \$1,000,000 for the corporation and to prevent it from going to the wall. But he would not have moved a single step in this direction if his personal acquaintance with the af fairs of the corporation had not justified and inspired his action. It is entirely probable that there were hunalone in the course of the year just way ought to be devised of letting Congress know the facts.

There is yet to be placed before Con gress, with the President's sanction, a bill prohibiting the work of holding companies, and even, so it is said, prohibiting an individual owning or voting stock in one corporation from own ing or voting stock in another corpora tion whose business is at all competi tive with that of the other. The holding company is generally looked upon by statesmen of the Bryan type as being a device of the Evil One himself and business power. But do not the advisers know that the holding com-

prohibitive. The same and even more the bankers of the United States. one of the different States or foreign ment of enthusiasm that will overcome lands where the corporation wishes to extend its trade.

A good illustration, perhaps, is that of the Amalgamated Copper Company, has an opportunity to arouse this enwhich sells \$30,000,000 worth of copper each year in Europe and in parts appointments to the Federal Reserve States. If the company, for instance, whole financial and business comwere to do business directly and in its munity is now awaiting with opti-All checks, money orders, &c., to be made pay- own name in England it would have to mistic expectation the President's comsubject itself to all the minute regula. munication to the Senate disclosing his tions of the English corporation law just as if it were a domestic English reserve system. street, in the Borough of Manhattan, New York. Corporation. The burden of complying President and Treasurer, William C. Reick, 170 with these regulations, even as mere Nassaustreet; Vice-President, Edward P. Mitchell. routine, would be so great as substanits entire business as a company. If the company were to do business in England through a middleman, his commission would be so large as to make the business in great degree unprofitable. Therefore the company's only recourse is to do business in England through a small organization established for the purpose, owned entirely by the Amalgamated interests and run substantially as a branch of the Amalgamated company. The same state of act its foreign business as a profitable commercial enterprise only in the man-

> ner described. Another instance that occurs out of scores that might be selected is that of the International Nickel Company, one of our great corporations, that mines its ores in Canada and smelts them in a splendid plant which it has lately erected in New Jersey at a cos of over \$8,000,000. The Canadian laws as to foreign corporations are such that the company is compelled to do its mining business there through a sub-company organized in Canada. If the International Nickel Company could not exist as a holding company it would have to go out of business.

> These illustrations show what a griev ous thing it is proposed to do. Cannot all this be impressed upon the people in control of legislation at Washington Do they not see that what they propose to do will only bring ruin, and needless ruin, to the business of our land?

Japan's Relations With Mexico.

It has been known for a long tim that President HUERTA was ordering arms in Japan and receiving those he could pay for. International law forbids a Government to traffic in military stores with a belligerent, but its sub There is a consensus, for example, jects are not inhibited. American dealthat something may properly be done ers have sold rifles and field guns to to limit the extension of interlocking combatants in numerous wars, and they directorates as it has been carried on would be freely supplying Huertistas he be able to triumph over them and in recent years. We are frank to say and insurgents now if there were no embargo. We cannot expect other m perfectly absurd to enact that no man selling munitions of war to President

If evidence were forthcoming that the Tokio Government was involved in the arming of Mexican Federal troops purpose of obtaining monopoly. Such with discarded rifles it would be a serian alliance is almost invariably made ous matter indeed, proving bad faith Robert L. Russell, was rushed from and covert hostility to the United States. Doubtless there are dema gogues in Tokio who would be pleased tion has grounds for believing that to have such an impression prevail in trouble more serious than usual is this country for their political advantage, but after the statement made in Parliament by Baron Makino a few days ago it is difficult to believe that the Government is stealthily plotting against the policy of the United States in Mexico. In the entertainment of officers of the second class Japanese cruiser Idzumo by President HUERTA there is a certain irritation because he loses no opportunity to parade his dislike for the Washington Government. and also because it is felt that HUERTA would not be averse to embroiling the United States with Japan.

Perhaps it would have been wiser in the paval officers of the Mikado had kept away from the city of Mexico, but it may be supposed that they did not seek the invitation, nor could they very well decline what was officially intended to be a reciprocation of the courtesies extended to the Mexican envoy FRANCISCO DE LA BARRA by the Japanese Government.

Factors of Success for the Nev

Banking System. About three-fourths of the national banks have signified their intention to become members of the Federal reserve system. Announcement by the National dreds of just such cases in our city City Bank of this city of its acceptance of the terms imposed by the act ended, and some clear and emphatic for the retention of national charters and of its purpose to enter the system Impression that the Treasury rules unadds interest to the loyal movement of der which the taxpayer will have to national bankers all over the country work this year are going to stand the to aid in carrying out the objects of test of the courts. Between Treasury

acted last year. conclusion may have been the conse- of amendment which has obviously dequence of the Treasury Department's volved upon it as a result of its negmalign aspersions of its attitude while lected duty last year when it accepted currency legislation was in progress, the measure that Cordell Hull was but it lends significance to the con- permitted to frame. Some hopeful perclusion reached. In the remarkably ception of the situation is indeed indifor the wrongful exercise of financial interesting address entitled "A Plea cated by Representative Canton's and for Intellectual Freedom in Currency Representative Merz's bills to repeat President of the United States and his Legislation," which he delivered before the provisions for collection at the the Economic Club last November, Mr. source. Most of the enormous trouble pany represents a method of doing FRANK A. VANDERLIP, the president of of the law is owing to its source collecbusiness that is absolutely necessitated the bank, said that he was "charged tion feature. by the diversity of the State laws of with representing an institution that. One institution has just received from man's party?

banks have been subjected by the new law. It is clear that President Wilson thuslasm by the character of the five of the globe outside of the United Board which he has yet to make. The selections for rulers of the Federal

The Haytian Revolution.

The landing of 150 American matially to bar it from England; but a rines from the cruiser Montana at Port greater difficulty still would be the fact au Prince seems to commit the Washthat the company would be subject to ington Administration to a vigorous the very high English income tax upon policy in Hayti. When President Nord half day's march away with his motley army. British and German as well as French and American warships were affairs applies to other countries be- in the harbor, but only small squads than has been done? sides England; and it is obvious that of marines were landed to do sentry the Amalgamated company can trans- duty at the consulates. There was will no. go to school, they cleave to the marines for any other purpose; indeed, Commander JOHN S. SHIPLEY of the cruiser Des Moines reported to the Navy Department that the Committee on Public Safety had guaranteed the safety of the American legation.

Comparisons between the Haytian reported, and the landing of so large not reveal a condition bordering on tyrannous." anarchy in the northern departments.

In the affair of 1908 General Stmon dient to the will of General Simon, and severe punishment. elected him President. It may be several days before Senator THEODORE can force his way to Port au Prince, and restore order? Hayti, like Mexico, is the prelude of the civil war. seems to have been left the American naval commander but to land a large body of marines, and the fact that the battleship South Carolina, Captain Guantanamo to Port au Prince indicates that the Washington Administrabrewing in Hayti.

The Blundering Income Tax Law.

That a great amount of fitigation will to duels .- London despatch. follow the process of enforcing the income tax law is apparent from the protests which will be filed with the returns due on March 1. Court construction of the act will come after Treasury interpretation, and in due course of time much that is a muddle will be made clearer to harassed citizens.

The Treasury Department could even now assist honest citizens a little in the preparation of their returns for taxation by compiling the various rulings. both general and special, which it has been making. This is particularly true of the special definitions which have been elicited from Deputy Commissioner Speen's office in Washington by the multitude of individual inquiries addressed to him from taxpayers. The Commissioner's replies have been made individually and are not of common knowledge, although they might have a wide application. If the Treasury Department would forthwith collect and publish a statement of these detailed instructions which it has been making. a general benefit would be conferred on singled out for assessment.

This would be helpful, although the suggestion is not meant to convey the the momentous financial legislation en- definition and clumsy enactment Congress has made fine work for lawyers The deliberation by which the Na- with the income tax statute, unless it tional City Bank arrived at its patriotic proceeds shortly to undertake the duty than the common run of poetry; that is

foreign countries? In many of the be the very fangs and claws of the checks drawn by a Canadian corpora- Deafer Than Deaf Smith Are Those Who States of the Union corporations domi- 'money trust.' " The present action of tion on a Canadian bank to foreign elled in other States and having more the bank accordingly ought to carry stockholders. The institution here, bethan a small volume of capitalization widespread conviction of the error pop- cause of the provisions of the income are not allowed to transact any busi- ularly fostered for so long a time that tax law, must deduct 1 per cent. from ness at all. In other States a burden Wall Street, as the centre of American the face of each check in paying it Hop Smith put the Carters on the map of ness at all. In other States a burden wall Street, as the centre of American the face of each check in paying it Hop Smith put the Carters on the map of the centre of the eign corporations that is practically serve than those which appeal to all each of the stockholders represented, prohibitive. The same and even more arducus conditions obtain in foreign lands. Therefore, a great trading corporation located anywhere in the lands are coming in the system can as poration located anywhere in the lands are coming into located anywhere in the lands are coming into country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents the income denoted by the checks is not although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents therein, although they are citizens of a foreign country and residents the country and residents the country and residents the country and residents United States is compelled to avail itself sure its success such success is guaranof the services of a sub-company or teed. The next thing in order is to by the United States. As a result all soon want Brian Boru identified and Fingy Conners "who's whoed." a request for their return accompanied indignation. Well may you call to an out-by ownership certificates, and in conthe influences of coercion to which the by ownership certificates, and in consequence they will probably not come back to this city at all, but will be forwarded to Canada direct, meaning, of course, a loss of business to an institu-of fame blaring the deeds of the heroic tion owned by American citizens. This, we are assured, is only an instance of transactions involving many millions of term and the clan-na-Gael to tear them dollars of husiness in the aggregate limb form the Clan-na-Gael to tear them dollars of business in the aggregate which will be driven away from this country by collection at the source.

ther save American citizens beavy expense of litigation by proceeding to amendatory legislation which will make the income tax act both a reasonable and an intelligible statute.

What Can Be Done for Them?

ALEXIS was driven from power on December 2, 1908, and sought refuge upon a French training ship, American marines were not landed in force all white training ship and sought refuge of General Sessons appears to be strangely lacking in that sentimentality are not landed in force all white services to remove from the should refuge the services to remove the services the services to remove the services to remove the services the se marines were not landed in force, although a hastily formed Haytian committee of public safety had to deal
with a mob that pillaged stores and
which seeks to remove from the shoulders of wrongdoers the responsibility
for their conduct and to put it on the
with a mob that pillaged stores and backs of decent folk. Of the young

"What more can be done for these boys

"They will not obey their parents, they ing, which means, of course, without working."

This is a far cry from the conception uct of conditions over which he has no control, but which can reasonably be der his heel and Asia under charged against society. Judge SWANN, the revolution of 1908 and the present one after an experience that entitles his cannot yet be made with confidence, but opinion to respectful consideration, rethere are points of similarity. Like jects the theory that too little is done Sh Nord Alexis President Michel Oriente for the boys, and directs attention to has fied the capital, but it is a German cruiser, the Vineta, and not a courts are those who have neglected French ship, that provided safety for and refused to take advantage of the formula of the courts are those who have neglected living descendants of Fin McCool are Barney Shaw of London and Jim Curley of Descendants of Fin McCool are French ship, that provided safety for and refused to take advantage of the him. Senator Davilman Theodore is many agencies for education and disnow the man of the hour, and at the cipline that are provided by their parhead of an army he is marching on the ents, the taxpayers and philanthropic capital from St. Marc, a port sixty citizens. Of course he speaks genermiles to the northwest. No serious ally; but he feels justified in declaring disorder in Port au Prince has been that "every gangster whose life I have been able to follow back to early boyt force as 150 American marines would hood has been shown to have been an be unaccountable if private advices did undutiful son, selfish, disobedient and

"What more can be done for these boys than has been done?" Little, was in full control of the situation, probably; but the community can do and entered the capital almost on the something to them that will be for its heels of the aged Nord Alexis as he own benefit, and that is to teach them made his way through a mob to the that every excursion into crime means water side to embark. Congress, obe- unsparing pursuit, eventual capture

SHELBY MOORE CULLOM was one of the few figures that connected the he has rivals for the Presidency. Will present with a past heroic and stormy, with the days of Lincoln and Douglas the origins of the Republican party and that there is no strong man at the capi- prime and most of his old age, a keen tal, in fact no organized Government reader of popular sentiment in his at all at present. No other course State, he was a useful and honorable if not a great, public servant; and half a century of office and opportunity left

> The attempt of the militants to force their way into a Cabinet meeting has a symbolism and even a sort of humor Pankhurstian lambs.

A challenge to a duel sent by General ALEXEI KUROPATKIN was refused to-day by MICHEL OSSIPOVITCH MENSHIKOFF. writer on the Novoe Vremya, who de-clared that his principles were opposed

ALEXEI NIKOLAIEVICH KUROPATKIN ! old enough to know better. He is 66 Moreover, his fame as the soldier who saved Russian armies from annihilation the victorious Japanese Generals in Manchuria should be a sufficient answer to criticisms of his campaign by a

The war of steamship rates will raise probably false hopes in many a woulde traveller. Are the good days fo him however bad for the companies, to bloom again, revivals of the halcyon and impossible time when you could go to London for \$27.50 or less; when to live upon a steamer was the cheapes thing on earth? Yes, but the \$27.50 room was always engaged. Perhaps the would-be traveller had better leash his transports and confine his journeys to the pages of Baedeker.

How strange it seems, this concession. reported in a Paris despatch to THE un, by which a French banking firm undertakes to install a water supply and electric system in Jerusalem and to build a tramway from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. In time the traveller in the East will get more and more of comthe class of citizens which the law has fort and a great deal less of "atmosphere." The Bedouins of the black tents may yet have refrigerators and give up horse and camel for the devil

Governor EBERHART of Minnesota yields to the inspiration of the Muse only in that bitterest of seats the dentist There he pulls and digs and files chair. and polishes his lines. The specime published in THE SUN yesterday indicates they are neither worse nor better if read aloud at a dentist's they might not notably increase the discomfort of the victims. Still, they are too solemn where solemnity, if appropriate, is superfluous. Joyous ballads, humorous readings, "ragtime" orchestras, these should be the relaxation and ornament of sessions at the dentist's.

Progressivism knows no sectionalism o prejudice of race.—Philadelphia North

Then it is not true that the Progressive party in the South is to be a white

Know Not the Herote Finn. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! norance of the name and fame of Deaf Smith is an educational tragedy; igno-rance of Finn McCool is a crime. When live to flout a Smith or acknowledge ig-norance of the McCool. Unhappy hap to ples of neglig

ire." Aye! Arise, ye blizzards, hurri-canes, typhoons and equinoctial gales and sweep Allentown and Carter into chaos. Deafer than Deaf Smith are these Carlimb from limb.

which will be driven away from this country by collection at the source.

If Congress does the duty which is becoming plainer every day it may fur
limb. However, let us be patient. Why should I expect a Carter who is ignorant of the history of his own country to be familiar with the annals of the country of his becoming plainer every day it may furstand how a man living in Allentown may never have heard of Jason, Ulysses, Childe Roland, Black Roderick, Hengist, Horsa, Cole Blease, the Cid Campeador, John L. Sullivan, Prester John or Billy the Kid but Finn McCool never!
Finn McCool lived long before the flood

and long after it; he was some swimmer. He was the finest fighter, the smartest swordsman, spearman and bowman; the with a mob that pillaged stores and private houses. General Antoine men who constitute the "gangs" of the Smith and with Noah the Navigator; Helen of Troy knew Finn before Paris: "I cannot agree with those who call the grant ones of the earth from the Kings of Atlantis to fellows like gangster the product of social conditions.

Zoroaster and Meichizedek knew him

Ireland, the ancient cities of Yucatan, the Progressive platform and the Cape of duty at the consulates. There was will not go to school, they cleave to the the doctrine that the world owes them a livestablished the Banks of Newfoundland; he drove all the wild animals out of Ire-land except the wolves and the O'Neils; he founded the Bog of Allen, after which Allentown is named, and made the Isle of Man out of the leavings; and he moved of the young tough as a helpless prod- the Galtee Mountains into Tipperary over night to stop the Ulstermen from dis-turbing his dreams. He had Europe unthe man in the moon is a Fitzgerald he threw there when he was cross; but why continue?

Let Carter write Dr. Douglas Hyde a of Boston. As for Carter

Boston, January 28.

Smith of Mississippi.

To the Editor of the Sun-Sit: The etter signed "One of the Kin" relating to another of "the kin." at least of one of the Smiths who went to Mississippi Territory and settled in the now Adams county, near Natchez. This was the Rev. Jedediah Smith. He

was a graduate of Yale College and paster of a Congregational Church of a Congregational Church as le, Mass. before he went to the distant Southern country. He had a family of twelve children. Ten sons and a daugh-ter went with him, one son remained in Massachusetts. .

ANOTHER OF THE KIN. ELIZABETH, N. J., January 28.

The Aristarchus of Squedunk

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: For the brave letter of Harris Weston Lyon much other traditional bubbles of the same sort

Squedunk University. It is to be entitled "My Literary Life," and if I mistake not will lead to a wholesale "revaluation of values" in literary criti-The learned professor's slashing cism. demonstrations of the superficiality of Aquinas, the faulty Latinity of Augustine and the lack of imagination disclosed by Dante's "Commedia" are little short of sensational, especially when contrasted with the "appreciations" to be found in his book on Doctor Frank Crane and El-I hope no Sun reader will overlook this

book. It will be printed when the pub-lishers have agreed as to who shall have the honor of printing it. ANDREW PROUT.

MOUNT VERNON, January 28.

Philosopher Kings. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. editorial article on the Wilson-Caminett exclusion pact omits perhaps the largest class of future citizens and competitors of the trades unions hitherto admitted the boys and girls who are not yet !

where the philosopher was king and the king a philosopher. Could Plato have foreseen the Wilson-Caminetti brand of philosophy, beyond peradventure he would have designated this splendid pair of philosophers as joint kings for the job here. HENRY W. HARDON.

NEW YORK, January 28. State Flowers.

is wrong when he says that the violet is America's embiem. We have no national bloom. Thirty-one States have adopted a State flower, the choice of which in all but wo instances was made by the children of the public schools. The two exceptions were California and Kansas, whose action was aken by the Legislatures.

As a State emblem the goldenrod has been adopted by Alabama, Kentucky, Mary-land, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, yet remains a pestiferous weed and a source of great grief to all such as are su-to the suffering of hay fever. R SCRANTON, Pa., January 28.

The Miner of Manunka Chunk TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The sub loined is hereby submitted: en you classify coal, is it hunk of chunk?" said a miner who lived in Manunka Chunk

He was half in a doze When this question arose.

And promptly fell out of his bunk, kerchunk!

NEW YORK, January 28.

Municipal Theatre of a Delaware Town

From the North American. The little town of Lewes has conducted successful municipal theatre for severa years, where clean amusement for its citi

zens is offered. The theatre was built by public subscription several years ago and is in charge of a small commission, which looks after its affairs. When the young men and ladies of the town want to hold a dance, the hall is turned over to them free of charge. For all home talent affairs as well the hall is given gratis. A plano has been purchased and is being paid for by subscription and from the income of amateur plays. The theatre is also used to coax conventions to come to Lewes, and any respectable theatrical company is rented

the United States and by the laws of in the minds of some people seems to Europe a large number of dividend ANOTHER SMITH HEARD FROM! FEDERAL FOLKSONG HUNTERS. MORE TRADE SCHOOLS A Gael Sees Discrimination Against the

Scottish folksongs that may still be found in this country. Why. I ask, are old Irish folksongs not included? Is the music of which "Moore's Melodies" are samples of negligible value? Or is it decided beforehand that all our ballads and songs are to be labelled English and Scotch? I fear that the highflown erudition of

Professor Smith of the University of Virginia, who has charge of the work, overlooks certain elementary facts.
You cannot separate the music of Ireland and Scotland. They are, says Joyce, afternation direct from the heart of one Caltie people, superjor to the pational land and Scotland. They are, says Joyce, an emanation direct from the heart of one Celtic people, superior to the national melody of any other country in the world. Ireland was long the school for Scottish musicians, as for those of Wales. "Till within the memory of persons still living the school for Highland poetry and music was Ireland; and thither professional menure sent to be accomplished in these were sent to be accomplished in these arts." (Jameson's "Letters From the North of Scotland," 1618, vol. II., p. 65.)
The officials of the Bureau of Education had better be sure of their ground before they leap.

HERBERT O'HARA MOLINEUX. New York, January 28.

A City Game Dangerous to Players and Passersby.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Probably the most popular street game for young men and boys in the Washington Heights district on Sundays is "cat." The outfit consists of a round stick about three feet long, usually a sawed off broom handle, and a small piece of wood about three inches long, tapering to a point at

smaller piece of wood at a certain spot in the gutter, tap the pointed end of it, causing the smaller piece of wood to spring into the air, and before it reaches the ground to bit it. ground to hit it a resounding blow with the larger piece, driving the smaller piece as far as the force of the blow will send The person hitting the "cat" runs to a spot designated as first base, and he continues his journey around the bases with the aid of his team mates, providing his side is not retired in the meantime. This is known as "baseball cat."

When young men engage in this game it is dangerous for pedestrians to walk in the vicinity of the flying "cat." The billet, rushing through the air at great speed, inflicts a heavy blow, and a number of persons have been injured. Lately a of persons have been injured. Lately a young man, a participant in the game, was struck by a "cat" and injured so severely that he was removed to a hospital, where he died has proved to a hospital. tal, where he died not many hours after ward. When a game has such serious results it is time for the police to stop it. If young men and boys must play "cat" let them choose unfrequented places where nobody will be injured. O.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, January 28.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: My "purrers" are not "devils," although they are very fond of the coal bin. One of them, a big black Angora, does not show the effects, but the other one, a freak seven toed tiger, shows up much the worse for wear with coal dust all over his white face and shirt front. Careful watching revealed the secret

patronize the coal bin not for sleeping but for a gymnasium. The noise they make when engaging in rolling down hill with the coal has to be heard to be believed. It has been thought that they flee to the bin for relief from the strenu-ousness of having the children dress them up as dolls and swinging them in a doll's

I am sure of one thing, however, and that is, so far from being devils my cats are the most angelic beings possible, never scratching, one of them insisting upon roosting upon the shoulders of a member of the family at each meal.

BROOKLYN, January 28.

Left Elbows of Elevator Boys. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It used to seem queer to me that the coats of apartment house elevator boys should wear

chanks. It is high time that this and shown me the reason.

A dozen, twenty, fifty times a day the boys get telephone calls. They take down the redever and apply it to the ear with the left hand, resting the left elbow on the work by the famous Baudelaire W. Botts of Soundlink University. It to be switches. The slight movement of the body attending these operations causes the left elbow, resting on the desk, to twist a little. and this slight rubbing, repeated a dozen twenty, fifty times a day, results in the coat's there first showing signs of wear. New York, January 28.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I used smoke good, or at least much costlier igars, but there came to me a reversal ortune. Then I took to stogies. Wi ortune smiled on me again I stuck to stogies because I had come to like them. It is a fact that after being with friends and smoking with them the expensive or comparatively expensive cigars I have come ack to my stogies with satisfaction. Whether this is due to habit or whether it shows a vitiated taste, I don't know, but

it shows a vittated taste, .
stogies are the smoke for me.
F. U. Mus.

Service Medals for Veterans of All Wars. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I wish feet 4 inches in height or 128 pounds weight, who possess indeed the natural aptitude for this growth but could not find mothers to bear them full grown.

The was Plato or one of his kind who and the Cuban, Philippine and Chinese campaign or the Cuban, Philippine and Chinese campaign or the Cuban, Philippine and Chinese campaign or the Cuban, Philippine and Chinese campaign. ber 5, 1913, and men entitled to medals mus set their records from the Adjutant-General at Washington and with the record enclose 50 cents in an envelope addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. Many men entitled to receive medals would probably never hear of the order un-

less publicity were given to ft.
CHARLES S. BRADDOCK, Jr. Late Lieutenant, U. S. A. NEW YORK, January 28.

Incomparable weed! The tortured nerve is soothed by thee when stretched upon May the high gods thy potency conserve, Man's comforter in chief! Divine tobacco! The stormiest brain that ever lay beneath Civilian hat or military shako, The monarch's crown or eke the poet's wreath. framed at this session

bacco! Why should we care whence man derived his shape. Dust of the earth, the shrew or brother

Since Adam missed thee, as did prima They both lost paradise, divine tobacco! The Viking heroes, though a sturdy crew

That blessed state Nirvana never knew. bent not at thy shrine, divine to-

Now, the high gods be praised, all know From China to Peru. from here to Behold mankind, subservient to thy spell, Burn incense at thine altars. O tobacco!

Bereft of thee, King Crosus we should stamp As poorer far than our black brother Quacco; Possessing thee, the hobo and the tramp Are wealthier than he, divine tobacco!

We'll grieve no more, then, though the

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: The Federal Bureau of Education has begun a nationwide search for old English and Scottish folksongs that may still be found in this country. Why. I amb President of Board of Linear tion Tells Members to

Scorn Criticism.

Superintendent's Judgment Not to Be Followed Blindly.

He Says.

Thomas W. Churchill, prest Board of Education, handed in his report at a meeting of the board vester-

The members received the report with especial interest in view of the fact that the annual election will take place on Monday and Mr. Churchill is a candidate for reelection.

In his report the president said that there were abuses in the school system which must be removed.

"Notwithstanding the likelihood that your work in improving the schools wi bring upon you opposition and attack from those who may regard their own hree inches long, tapering to a point at ne end.

The idea of the game is to place the of the school board is the interest of the

mand and by statute. It cannot escape the criticism of our public schools by pointing to any widely advertised reputation. There is no need of personal dia

sension or bitterness.
"We do not intend to do the detail work of the superintendents; we do not intend to reduce them to unthinking agencies. Their best judgment and high est talents will always be in demand. But the forced doctrine that any superinten-dent's judgment must be followed and that no educational proposition may originate otherwise, this board has repudiated and is unwilling to accept.

"We are not doing nearly enough along the lines of vocational education. S thing more is needed than the mere ing of reports upon the needs. Over 40 000 boys and girls leave our elementary schools annually to go to work. A very small number of the elementary school graduates go to the high schools. Our trade schools have an enrolment of only \$57, a very small percentage of those who leave school to go to work. "There is a pressing need of vocational guidance for our pupils; to counsel them

in the selection of occupations." Mr. Churchill said that the intent of the charter commission of 1900 had miscar ried in at least one respect to a cor erable extent. The local school board have not been encouraged to render th service that was expected of them. He said he was not in favor of revising the charter as it relates to the educational department.
"Our most important task is

various departments and to action," he said.

way, the report declared. Since last tober much hardship was caused teachers because of the shortage of mo-It was necessary to borrow \$20 an advance of the excise mo The president said the board needs

new building, as the one at P nue and Fifty-ninth street was a enough. He suggested a sale of ent building and site and the purchase of a new school hall.

MORE WORRY FORJ. HAM LEWIS

Ambassador Pindell Is Confirmed. but Senator's Appointee Is Rejected.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 .- While Hears Pindell of Peorla, Ill., has been as Ambassador to Russia and start on his one year's visit a letter he received several mo it was indicated to-day that an end has not yet been put to the embarrase-ments which Senator J. Ham Lewis s to experience from patronage matters.
This time it is the selection of a lowly official that has caused trouble.
Senator Lewis, before his departure for

London to attend the conference of International Seamen's Union as a re-sentative of the United States Gov ment, recommended to the Secretar the Treasury a Democratic constitution of a position under the income bureau. The recommendation was as ipon favorably and the Senator's c The appointment had hardly gon

effect, however, before the Treasur partment officials learned that a ment had been returned against pointee by the Grand Jury at for alleged ballot box stuffing

FOR RURAL CREDIT HEARINGS. Joint Senate and House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.conference held at the -day joint hearings by Senate the country for the benefit of terested in the establishment of of rural credits. President W cussed the subject with Repre Glass of Virginia and

House Committee on Banking

Mr. Buckley is chairman of committee that has been char the duty of framing a rural for consideration by the House sub-committee has been Senate Committee on Banking rency. It has been suggeste two sub-committees join force hearings in New money centres and big cities of in close proximity to the a regions. The President is fasuch procedure.
Indications are that a runsatisfactory to the Administra

probably will be deferred until PLANS ARMY MUSICAL

Senator O'Gorman Presents Train Men for Bands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-establishment of the "arr ing school" and to create prentices for military ba a bill introduced in th y Senator O'Gorman of New bill authorizes the Secretar select for a site for the garrisoned army post near The bill limits the number to 400, who may enter the listment between the ages and upon graduation from course of study they shall an army band. It provides dant and other officers, inc tors in tactics and directors assistant directors

To Dedicate Bull Run Pield WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 .- A l. of the battlefield of Bull Rus Benignant delty, you'll straight supply
A far more fragrant one, divine tobacco! introduced in the Senate to-day GEORGE B. MOREWOOD. tor Swanson of Virginia